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Naples, May 5.

WE have advice of the Battel which was fought the 22 past, between the Spanish and Dutch Fleet, and that of *France*, off of *Augusta*, the onely particulars we have are, that the Fight begun at four in the afternoon, and continued till night separated them, when the Dutch sailed to the Bay of *Syracusa*, several of their Ships being very much disabled, and their Admiral the Sieur *de Ruyter* wounded in both his legs; and the French Fleet stood off to Sea; and since we have not had any account of it, except of three Ships which are said to be returned very much disabled to *Messina*. The French Gallies with the new Succors designed thither, are as we understand, arrived at *Civita Vecchia*. This week arrived here from *Final* 1800 Foot, and this evening are sailed for *Melazzo*.

Venice, *May* 1. We have Letters from *Adrianople* of the eighteenth and twenty third of *March*, from Signior *Morosini*, Ambassador there on the part of this State, giving an account, that he had had his first Audience of the Grand Visier, but could not yet obtain it of the Grand Signior, who was wholly taken up in hunting. That the Plague at *Constantinople* was much decreased, so that great numbers of People who had on that account fled from thence, were returned again. That it was reported that the Grand Signior had a mind to return likewise with his Court to *Constantinople*, but that the Sultana Mother, and the Grand Signiors Brother opposed it, which may perhaps have an ill consequence.

Copenhagen, *May* 16. The 12 instant arrived here the Admiral *Tromp*, with five Men of War, two Fireships, and an Advice Yacht, and yesterday came into the *Sound* 2 Dutch Men of War more, so that 8 are wanting of the 15 that were to be fitted out in the United Provinces. The said Admiral has since his arrival been frequently in Council with the King, in order to the hastning out the Fleet. The Ship which is to carry the great Flag is called the *Christianus Quintus*, mounted with 90 Guns, and besides, here lye ready to sail 9 or 10 ships more, mounted from 80 to 70 Guns each. About 400 Dutch Seamen, of which 100 are Officers, are come hither with the Admiral, and more are to follow. Here is at present a general Embargo upon all ships which will continue till our Fleet is at Sea. The President *Kielman* and his three sons are now prisoners here, and in all probability will remain so, during the War at least. The 13 instant *Griffenfelt* was again examined by his Commissioners; and it seems the great matter charged upon him is, his having sold all Places and Employments during his Ministry; he has desired he may be permitted to give in his justification in writing, and that he may be allowed an Advocate, which has been granted him, and the 18 instant is appointed for his final Tryal. Five Frigats are arrived in the *Sound*, which have been fitted in *Zealand*, for the service of the Elector of *Brandenburg*. From *Gottenburg* we have advice, of the 13 instant, that the King of *Sweden* was then there, and would be as this night or to morrow in *Schonen*, to be present at the general Rendezvous of his Forces.

Vienna, *May* 10. The Emperor is still at *Neudorff*, and will not be here till the 20, till when, the Funerals of the late Empress are put off. Yesterday arrived here an Envoy from the Duke of *Moscovy*, to signifie to this Court the death of the late Czar, and the assumption of the present to the Crown. From *Hungary* they write, That Count *Chratzi* hath lately had a sharp skirmish with the Turks, in which, many of his Men were killed, and ten of the chiefest of the Nobility carried prisoners to *Buda*.

Ritisbonne, *May* 15. The Dyet upon the Memorial of the Marquis of *Baden Dourlach*, General of the Empire, have resolved, that he shall have power to call into the Field such of the General Officers under him as he shall think fit, according as the Troops of the Circles come into the Field.

Berlin, *May* 17. An Envoy being arrived from the Czar of *Moscovy* to this Court, he had the 11 instant his first Audience; his Errand is to notifie the death of the late Czar, and the succession of the present. Our Elector is going to send an Ambassador to *Mosco*, to return the Complement. In eight or ten days his Electoral Highness intends to be in the Field.

From the Imperial Camp before Philipsburg, *May* 18. We have advanced our Trenches so successfully that we are at present come to the Ditch of the great Fort, which covers the Bridge of *Philipsburg* over the *Rhine*. General *Vertmuller* has advanced his attack to the Palisadoes; and this evening the Prince of *Brunswick Wulfembuttel* enters the Trenches with his Regiment the 4*th* time: to morrow the Mines we have prepared will be ready; and then a general assault will be made: in the mean time, the French in the Fort defend themselves very resolutely, and are not sparing of their small or great shot; they have likewise made several sallies, but have been still repulsed; on our side about 30 or 40 have been killed. It is said the French would agree to surrender the Fort if they might be permitted to retire into *Philipsburg* which our Generals will not allow.

Strasburg, *May* 18. The Imperial Troops which came from *Suabia*, where they had their Winter-quarters, under the command of Prince *Pio*, and those of the Duke of *Lorrain* making up a Body of 14000 Horse and Foot, are marched directly from our Neighborhood to *Lauterburg*, where they were to pass the *Rhine* yesterday, and so join the Duke of *Lorrain*, who lies with the rest of the Imperial Army near *Spire*. The discourse here is, that the Duke of *Luxemburg* will now in few days march from *Schlestadt* towards *Saverne* and *Haguenaw*, to observe the Imperialists. Yesterday arrived in the Camp near *Schlestadt*, 64 Companies of Foot, which came from *Lorrain*. The Imperialists on the other side attack the great Fort of *Philipsburg* so warmly, that it is generally believed they will be Masters of it in few days. They will not allow the French that are in it any other conditions but to surrender upon discretion. The Imperialists have had a design to surprize the Castle of *Markelsheim*, but they were discovered and prevented in it.

Cologne, *May* 22. The 20 instant in the evening the